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	Examiner Raymond Covington	Art Unit 1625	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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Upon reconsideration in light of applicants' amendment of 6/15/05 the rejection under 35 USC 112 has been withdrawn. Further, the rejection under 35 USC 103 has been withdrawn as the cited prior art does not disclose the compounds as presently recited in the claims. It is noted that on the corresponding NR¹R² substituent on the moiety R¹R² together with the N does not form a ring but instead form unbranched substituents.

Claims 6-8 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described or enabled in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Applicants' comments have been noted and considered but are not persuasive of patentability. It is noted that disclosure teaches the claimed compounds having KCNQ activity, see for example page 12 of the specification, and treating neuropathic pain with the claimed compounds, see, for example page 14. However, there is no disclosure of a nexus between the mechanism and the treatment of one condition. It is also noted that No class of compounds or single compound has been found effective in treating, preventing, ameliorating such a myriad of unrelated diseases or disorders. Furthermore, other than treating neuropathic pain,

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applicant has not demonstrated that the claimed compounds are successful in treating, preventing, ameliorating any of the named diseases or disorders.

By way of example, applicants name diseases or disorders associated with acute and chronic pain, migraine, neuropathic pain, bipolar disorders, convulsions, mania, epilepsy, anxiety, depression and neurodegenerative disorders. Applicants are attempting to claim every known associated disease or disorder with the above conditions as well as future diseases and disorders and such is wholly inoperable.

NEW REJECTIONS

Claims 2-3 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claims 2-3 recite compounds wherein the "Het" substituent is Het is selected from the group consisting of pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazolyl and triazolyl. Whereas in claim 1 from which they depend the corresponding "Het" group is limited to pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrazinyl.

A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same

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"invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-7 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,900,210 and claims 1-27 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,831,080. This is a double patenting rejection. Both patents teach the compounds falling within the scope of the claimed compounds and the claimed method of use.

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond Covington whose telephone number is (571) 272-0681. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, C. Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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